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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

KOSHIDA ET AL.

Examiner

Peter Szekely

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/13/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. This application filed under former 37 CFR 1.60 lacks the necessary reference to the prior application. The current status of all nonprovisional parent applications referenced should be included.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

4. Claims 1 and 3-5 are rendered indefinite by the word "type". Claim 2 contains an illegible and incomprehensible portion on page 18, lines 15-19. Furthermore applicants are requested to follow U.S. usage and eliminate the expressions of "preferably", "more preferably" and "such as" from claim 2.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Oriento Kakagu Kogyo

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JP-2-305832, Oriento Kakagu Kogyo JP-2841077, Lienhard et al. 4,263,197 or Lienhard et al. 4,527,994, in view of Zwahlen et al. 4,093,584, Riegler et al. 4,094,839, Yeh et al. 4,853,272, Babler et al. 5,075,195 or Faber et al. 5,489,639.

7. The two Japanese patents show applicants' dyes throughout the specification and polyamides, polystyrenes and polyesters in the Table. Lienhard et al. ('197) teach the dyes in claims 1-10 and polyamide in claims 1, 5-7, 1 and 12. The contents of Lienhard et al. ('994) are similar. Zwahlen et al. disclose dyes in column 1, lines 42-57, polyesters in column 2, lines 47-59 and shaped articles in column 3, lines 6-11. Riegler et al. recite dyes in column 1, lines 49-68 and column 2, lines 1-2, polyamides in column 2, lines 42-43 and Example 6. Yeh et al. reveal dyes in the Abstract and columns 1-2, polyamides and the blend of polyamides in column 4, lines 44-58 and polyesters in the column overlapping columns 4 and 5. Babler et al. divulge polyamides and polyesters in column 2, lines 54-62, dyes in column 4, lines 7-9 and glass fibers in column 4, line 49. Faber et al. display polyesters and polyamides in column 2, lines 25-36, dyes in column 3, lines 35-37 and glass fibers in column 4, line 6. Applicants' claims are not novel. In the alternative, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to include the glass fibers of the secondary references, if reinforcement were needed, since they are customarily used for that purpose. Yeh et al. prove that blends of polyamides are routinely used with the claimed metal complexes azo dyes.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

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examiner should be directed to Peter Szekely whose telephone number is (571) 272-1124. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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